

## Comparison of Three Common Types of Discipline

<b>Questions Regarding Discipline</b>	<b>Authoritarian</b>	<b>Permissive</b>	<b>Democratic</b>
What is the purpose of the type of discipline?	Unquestioned obedience of the child is required.	Complete freedom of the child is allowed.	Control from within the child is the outcome desired.
By whom is the discipline furnished?	A parent or other adult disciplines from "without".	The child provides the discipline; no control or authority is given.	The parent, other adult or child provides the discipline from "within".
What education takes place?	Little emphasis or explanation is given. The child is expected to accept rules unquestioningly.	Few rules and little guidance or explanations are given.	The major emphasis is on explaining the meaning of rules and repeating them until the child learns them.
How are rewards used?	Rewards are avoided for fear of spoiling the child.	The child is expected to derive satisfaction from the social approval that good behavior brings.	Praise is used lavishly for right behavior or attempts on the child's part to do what he knows is expected.
How is punishment used?	Emphasis is on corporal punishment for misbehavior. No attempts are made to find the reason for the misbehavior or if it was intentional.	The child learns from the consequences of the act that he has done the wrong thing.	Reserved for intentional misbehavior. The child is given an opportunity to explain why he misbehaved before being punished. Corporal punishment is used infrequently. Emphasis is on punishment as it relates to misbehavior.
What learning on the part of the child does the discipline foster?	It develops expectations of complete protection and decision making by adults. Obedience occurs through fear and habit, not understanding of the situation.	The child may think only of himself and disregard others. He may become aggressive.	The child learns to work with others; to respect the ideas, rights, and feelings of others; and to think for himself.
What kind of person may result from this type of discipline?	One who may be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Rebellious</li> <li>•Dependent on others</li> <li>•Submissive to others</li> </ul>	One who may be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Confused</li> <li>•Lawless</li> <li>•Independent</li> </ul>	One who : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Comes to wise decisions for himself</li> <li>•Keeps in mind the rights of others</li> </ul>